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SUBJECT: SOVIET NOTE ON ISRAEL AND LEBANON

1. VORONTSOV DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING NOTE TO ME ON AUGUST 14. I AM SENDING IT TO YOU EXCLUSIVELY FOR YOUR OWN INFORMATION. YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT THE SECRETARY DID DISCUSS IT WITH DINITZ.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

MOSCOW HAS RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT ISRAEL IS DIRECTLY INTERFERING IN EVENTS IN LEBANON. ON THE ONE HAND ISRAEL IS SUPPLYING WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION TO THE RIGHT WING CHRISTIAN FORCES IN LEBANON, WHILE ON THE OTHER DOES NOT HESITATE TO UNDERTAKE DIRECT MILITARY ACTION TO PREVENT SUPPLIES, EVEN OF FOOD AND MEDICINE, FOR THE NATIONAL PATRIOTIC FORCES AND PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE MOVEMENT IN LEBANON. INSTANCES ARE KNOWN OF SINKING BY ISRAELI NAVAL VESSELS OF SHIPS WHICH WERE GOING TO LEBANON FOR THAT

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PURPOSE, AND NOW THE ISRAELIS IN FACT BLOCKADE THE

LEBANESE COAST, ALLOWING OR NOT ALLOWING SHIPS TO PASS
BY WHIM.

THERE IS INFORMATION TO THE EFFECT THAT ALL THIS IS
BEING DONE BY ISRAEL WITH BLESSINGS FROM WASHINGTON AND
WITH THE USE OF AMERICAN WEAPONS. IT IS DIFFICULT TO
IMAGINE THAT IT COULD BE OTHERWISE.

WITHOUT GOING INTO THE EVENTS IN LEBANON ON A BROADER
SCOPE (AND OUR POINT OF VIEW ON THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN
BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE AMERICAN SIDE), WE
WOULD LIKE TO STRESS THAT THOSE WHO TRY TO USURP THE
RIGHT TO SEND NAVAL VESSELS TO PATROL THE BORDERS OF
LEBANON SHOULD BE AWARE OF THE FACT THAT SUCH ACTIONS,
WHICH CAUSE NEW COMPLICATIONS IN LEBANON AND OUTSIDE ITS
BORDERS, ARE FRAUGHT WITH SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES. MOSCOW
HOPES THAT THE LEADERSHIP OF THE UNITED STATES IS AWARE
OF THE FAR-REACHING DANGEROUS CONSEQUENCES WHICH COULD
RESULT FROM THE ABOVE-MENTIONED ACTIONS OF ISRAEL, AND
THAT MEASURES WILL BE TAKEN FOR THEIR IMMEDIATE
CESSATION. END TEXT

3. WARM REGARDS. KISSINGER

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